

## WHOSE FAULT WAS IT?

That the Scaffolding Broke at the New Courthouse,

## RESULTING IN SEDERSTROM'S DEATH.

The Matter Will Be Probed to the Bottom—Examination Before the Coroner's Jury.

The coroner's jury this morning decided that Charles Sederstrom came to his death "by the falling of a scaffold," declining either to attach blame or vindication to the contractors for the quality of timber used in the scaffold.

The local Swedish organization, which is of a benevolent character in case of sickness or death, had engaged Joseph G. Waters to handle the case in behalf of Sederstrom's family. Captain Waters made his fight before the coroner's jury on the plea that the contractors were negligent in allowing the defective timber to be put into the scaffold. Considerable expert testimony was introduced regarding the piece of timber (4 x 4) which caused the catastrophe.

T. B. Brooks, of the Brooks & Miller Lumber company, was asked if the timber was defective.

"It seems to be," he replied.

"Would an examination of it by an inspector before it was put into the scaffold have revealed these defects?"

"The defects are only noticeable from the outside in one or two places."

"Wouldn't a skilled inspector have been able to tell that the timber was unfit?"

"He would have to examine every inch of it carefully."

"Don't you think that all timber used in a scaffold should be inspected?"

"That would be the safest way."

"Do you think there was negligence in allowing this timber to go into the scaffold?"

"As I say, the timber looked all right at a glance. It was new and did not have the appearance of being cross-grained or rotten inside."

"You are a dealer in lumber are you not, and have sold the contractors some lumber?"

"Yes."

A Council, George Lescher, James Ramsey and others, who are supposed to be judges of lumber, were examined, but Mr. Waters did not get much more satisfaction than in the case of Mr. Brooks. C. A. Brooks and Joseph Marshall were present but not examined.

Mr. Waters offered a witness to the coroner's jury should go to the court and examine the scaffold personally.

He said: "There is complaint that the scaffold there are all wrong, that they are frail structures." The jury did so rather reluctantly, protesting that they were not judges of the strength of the scaffold. Among the jurors were W. F. Ellison, Fred Jensen, Jasper Earnest and Harry Hibben.

Mr. Waters does not say whether he is preparing the way for a damage suit or will attempt to have the grand jury investigate the case on the ground of criminal negligence.

A Father, the man who fell from the scaffold with Sederstrom and broke his right thigh, is recovering from the nervous shock, and the chances are favorable for a speedy recovery. He lives at 815 Gay street.

## GIVEN A GOLD MEDAL.

The Leader of the Dispatch Band is Given a Medal for Merit.

George Jackson, the leader of Jackson's military band, was given a gold medal for merit at Hamilton hall last night which was largely attended.

J. H. Guy presented the professor with a valuable and appropriate gold medal that cost \$50, and also a fine baton. Prof. Jackson replied to the presentation with considerable feeling. The remainder of the evening was taken up with dancing, the function being in charge of Henry Dillard, Fred Wear, Tom Lewis and W. B. Hamilton.

Prof. Jackson is one of the most talented colored citizens of Topeka. He has done much to place the Dispatch band at its high standard. He is also in charge of the refreshment department of the Lodge of Elks. His ability as a musician is second only to his powers as an eloquent and no Elk entertainment is complete without him.

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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

The Gold-Brick Swindler is on Trial—Other Court News.

In the district court this afternoon the case against George Gordon, better known as the "gold brick man," is being tried. Gordon is the man who successfully duped an old farmer living near Holton on the old-fashioned gold-brick racket, and would have got his \$1,000 had it not been for the timely interference of the officers. An effort has been lately made, but failed, to get Gordon out of jail on a writ of habeas corpus. He is the man who, in turn, claimed to be duped by Lawyer W. E. Dem out of \$200.

In court this morning the jury in the case of W. W. Demmon against John Brown returned a verdict against the defendant in the sum of \$70. The controversy was over the amount due Demmon for clerical work on the tax rolls when Brown was county clerk.

M. T. Campbell brought suit in the district court against J. H. Fought and J. L. Beverly to recover a mortgage on a large amount of land. The property consists of 25 lots on Tyler street (31 to 131 inclusive), 70 lots on Polk street (50 to 118 and 197 to 287 inclusive) and 41 lots on Taylor street (206 to 283) all in Maple Grove addition. The property which Campbell seeks to recover was mortgaged for \$5,667 five years ago to guardians of Frank and Thomas King. The mortgage was transferred to Mr. Campbell last April.

The regular docket of civil cases which was set for trial today was set aside as many of the lawyers involved and themselves unable to leave the federal court.

## VERDICT AGAINST GISH.

The District Court Jury Declines to Allow Him a \$50 Attorney's Fee.

The case of Pete Gish against John Schenck for \$55 attorney's fee, was decided in favor of Schenck by the district court jury today.

Gish, before donning the blue cloth and brass buttons of the police department, used to practice law some. His office was in the same building with W. F. Rightmire. In the case of W. W. Manapacker against the Dispatch band, a suit to recover rent, Schenck was the attorney for the band and he engaged Rightmire to help him. When the case came up for trial Rightmire was sick and he got Gish to act as his substitute. Schenck claims Gish was not an agreeable substitute. He says Gish hampered him rather than helped in the case, and that he had to keep hold of his coat to keep him from jumping up and giving the whole case away to the jury.

Schenck claimed also that he made whatever settlement was due in the case with Mr. Rightmire, and that Gish should look to Rightmire instead of him for his attorney's fee. It did not take the jury many minutes to return a verdict against Gish.

## TO HAVE STATE SALOONS.

Georgia Seems Likely to Try the Dispensary System.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 30.—There is a strong probability that Georgia will, in a short time, have in full operation a dispensary system similar to that established in South Carolina. The bill dispensary bill has been pending before the general assembly for several days and the senate temperance committee agreed to report a substitute providing that in incorporated towns where liquor is now allowed to be sold a vendor may sell only on a petition of a majority of the freeholders of the town or city to the mayor and council.

He shall then give bond to the ordinary in the sum of \$5,000 for faithful observance of the law. He shall pay \$100 to the state, and all municipal and national taxes for one year. He shall only purchase liquor to sell which has been produced by the state chemist pure and unadulterated, and to retail in quantities not less than one-half pint, and shall not sell to minors or habitual drunkards. No liquor shall be drunk on the premises. This measure is likely to pass the general assembly and become a law.

## TWO WOMEN ON A JURY.

They Enjoy Their Full Rights at Cripple Creek.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Nov. 30.—Two women to-day sat on a jury in a justice court in Cripple Creek. Never before in the history of the state has such a thing occurred. It appears that Constable Hathaway, when he went out to get his panel, concluded that as the fair sex could now vote, they also should act as jurors, and so brought in a battery of women and a few men.

The case on trial was that of a landlady, who was charged with stealing a ring valued at \$12 from one of her boarders and sending it to her daughter at Des Moines, Iowa, now the adopted child of respectable people.

The jury found the defendant guilty and assessed a fine of \$1 and costs against the landlady, after an absence of five minutes from the jury box.

## LIGHTENS FRICK'S BURDEN

Carnegie's Change of the Officials at the Steel Mill.

BRADDOCK, Pa., Nov. 30.—As a result of Andrew Carnegie's visit, Patrick Dilley today took the active superintendency of all the Carnegie plants, except the steel mill plant. It is expected he will control that, too. If he does he will control 22,000 men. A dozen years ago he was a common workman. The change is made to lighten H. C. Frick's burdens.

## HOMESEEKERS EXCURSION.

SANTA FE ROUTE.

December 4th and 18th the Santa Fe will run Homeseekers' Excursions at one fare, plus \$2 for the round trip.

These tickets will be sold to points in Colorado, Utah, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, and will be good for 30 days.

St. Louis and Return \$11.50.

The Santa Fe will sell tickets Topeka to St. Louis and return at \$11.50 for the round trip, with choice of routes east of Kansas City. Tickets sold November 24 and 25. Good to return including December 4.

ROWLEY BROS., City Agents.

Another Eruption by Calima.

GUADALAJARA, Mex., Nov. 30.—Another terrific eruption of the Colima volcano occurred Wednesday night, and the scene as witnessed from this city was a grand one. No definite reports have been received from the immediate section surrounding the volcano, but it is feared that there was a severe loss of property and probably life.

## TURKEY TO GO ROUND.

Plenty of It For the Families of the Poor.

## SOME PATHETIC STORIES TOLD

By Those Who Carried the Baskets Around—What the Associated Charities Did.

There are a great many poor people in Topeka who bless the Associated Charities and the charitable people of Topeka today more perhaps than they ever have before.

One hundred and fourteen families, an aggregate of 528 persons were provided with Thanksgiving dinners at their homes yesterday by the plan proposed by the association and carried out under its direction.

For once the donations for charity greatly exceeded the demand, and the association feels sure that it could easily have cared for twice the number of people that really did receive donations. The dinners consisted for the most part of plain, healthy food and not a few of the donations consisting of numbers of the delicious that go with turkey and chicken and Thanksgiving.

Little children that have been living on food hardly good enough for animals, clasped their hands with delight as the donors undid the tidy packages and greeted their eyes with food that would do for any table. And the food was in abundance, too.

Sweet charity ruled the day and little stomachs that have been comparatively empty for weeks caused little heads to ache with the contentment of fullness today. And let us hope there is enough left for turkey hash for many days.

Donations came from everywhere, schools and societies and churches and individuals. The Oakland school sent in a wagon load of vegetables and clothing; Clover Hill and Linn Creek schools were not behind and sent in large donations of vegetables, clothing and food. There were so many personal donations that they can't be mentioned.

There was one particularly happy family over in Seabrook. It consists of a father, mother and six children. Early last summer the father broke a leg, and the mother has since been doing the best she could to support the family by washing. The father was able to get out on crutches the other day, and almost the first thing he did was to fall and break the leg over again. A. P. Wilder took care of that family, and declares he never saw a more thankful one in his life. The children were wild with rapture and the old folks were little better.

You wouldn't think a family almost starving would be so proud as to refuse food. In the west part of the city the association knows of a man and his wife and three children who absolutely refused to accept a Thanksgiving dinner. They would not even disclose their wants and a neighbor says that the man gets very little work and that as they have received nothing but a little milk from her for a long time, she does not see how they live. But no matter about that, they will not accept charity. The spirit may be commendable in the parents, but it is a question if they do not owe it to the children to accept.

Over in Martin & Dennis' addition is a family that the Thanksgiving dinner raised to the greatest heights of happiness. The husband went off to look for work some months ago and they have not heard from him since. The mother and four young girls live in a little two-room house for which they pay \$3 a month rent. The mother does washing and her earnings average about \$1.25 a week. They had not yet had charity and were in a bad way. Fuel is procured from the adjacent tract of the Shingunungus, but clothing and food are not so easy to get out of the little balance that is left after the rent is paid. When the dinner went to them yesterday, three of the children were barefooted. All of them had on all the clothes they had, and the oldest girl, who is thirteen, sat on one of the two chairs and covered her almost naked breast with her folded arms. They were almost speechless at the dinner, and the association will try to see that they are better cared for hereafter.

There are lots of cases like this or as pitiful, but they forgot their misery yesterday as they sat about their cracked and shaky tables and devoured what to them was a feast fit for an emperor.

The Indianapolis school, near Shorey, gave a nice donation. Potwin school had a big wagon load of provisions for the Topeka poor, but there was a mistake about delivering it and they will have to be distributed later.

The Associated Charities needs a great deal of clothing for school children. It may be left at the office of Secretary Rusa, at the corner of Third and Jackson streets.

## HE GOT NO TURKEY.

A Burglar Tried to Steal Mr. Golden's, But is Still Hungry.

Some fellow with a Thanksgiving hunger tried to break into the house of B. F. Golden, at 215 West Tenth street last evening.

The remains of the family turkey had been left on the dining room table and Mr. Golden and his wife retired about 8 o'clock at peace with all the world and well satisfied with Thanksgiving. Mr. Golden had made a goodnight trip to the dining room table at 8 o'clock and took a little more of the turkey to bed with him.

"What a nice feast for a tramp if one should break in," thought Mr. Golden. He had hardly gone to sleep before there was a tug at the front door bell. Mrs. Golden heard it and awoke her husband. They listened and were soon satisfied that someone was trying to get into the house on the east side by way of the shutters. Mr. Golden jumped out of bed and rushed to the dining room. The burglar was just reaching for a hunk of turkey.

"What are you doing there?" demanded Mr. Golden, who had forgotten the shot gun that he keeps loaded at the head of his bed for use on just such occasions.

There was a rapid retreat but no answer. The burglar was gone and not a shot fired.

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## KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

Christmas Sentiment and Grand Master's Response—Notes.

Sir Stephen Berry, the committee on Christmas observance, has issued his annual invitation to the Templars of the world to unite on next Christmas day in the following sentiment: "To our most eminent grand master, Hugh McCurdy, the head of American Templar Masonry, who holds all Templar hearts." The grand master sends the following response: "To the great heart of Templar Masonry and to every Templar Mason's heart, one and inseparable."

"Tis the heart and not the brain That to the highest doth attain, And he who followeth love's behest For aethers all the rest."

The hour for participating is, according to central standard time, 11 a. m.; eastern standard time, 12 m.

Right Eminent Sir H. H. Montgomery is grand commander of Illinois. He was presented with a magnificent jewel on assuming his position.

In some places the Cryptic Rite is prosperous because, while there is no written law on the subject, there is an unwritten law and universal custom to require all who seek membership in the commanderies to have the royal and select master degrees for the reason, it is claimed, that they are not properly instructed Royal Arch Masons without the council degree.

The grand commandery of Pennsylvania is the largest in the world.

Retiring Grand Commander Hall of Illinois expressed approval of the action of the Alabama commandery in denouncing the display of the cross and other Masonic emblems in the windows of saloons in Denver on the occasion of the meeting of the convales.

There are 1,400 Knights Templars in Alleghany county, Pa.

The report of Grand Recorder Bernard of Illinois shows that there are 9,000 Knights in the state and a balance of \$77,500 in the treasury.

The triennial committee of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island report that nearly 12,000 Knights have been quartered in Boston for the triennial week.

There are in the United States 1,162 subordinate commanderies, with 105,672 members, a gain for the year of 6,913.

There are 45 commanderies and 10,884 Knights in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

## ODD FELLOWS.

Some of the Homes and Orphanages of the Order—Triple Link Notes.

There are now between 30 and 40 Odd Fellows' homes and orphanages in active operation in this country. These institutions speak volumes for the charity of the order. Philadelphia originated the idea, and it has grown amazingly. New Jersey's home has been in operation ten years and has property worth \$20,000. New Hampshire soon followed and eight years ago opened a home for its indigent members. From the start it was a success, and the property of the institution, including the guaranty fund, is valued at \$75,000.

There are 48 distinct orders of Odd Fellows in the world.

Pennsylvania has had 73 grand masters, 19 of whom are now living. Five of the number have been grand sire.

The office of secretary of Philadelphia lodge, No. 13, has been held by the Silgo family for over 50 years.

Observation shows that a staff of 20 members is more efficient than one twice as large.

In Germany when a visitor of note is expected lodges in a district will join in one body and hold a grand meeting of good will and love.

Nevada, Mo., has offered \$7,500 and a site for the Missouri home.

The grand master of Michigan receives a salary of \$1,000 and is expected to devote his entire time to the duties of his office.

The S. G. L. is not in favor of recommending the establishment of a college or university for the education of orphans.

An order for \$540 was ordered drawn to pay postage on copies of officers' and daily proceedings for the week that the S. G. L. was in session.

## RED MEN.

The Observance of Historical Events Urged. Short Talks.

By the resolution adopted by the great council of the United States tribes are urged to join in the appropriate observance of all patriotic anniversaries of historical events in the history of our country, says The Wampum Belt. Teach love of country to the rising generation, loyalty to our common flag, steadfastness to the principles of freedom, friendship and charity and thus justify the claim we make for our order as a truly American institution.

Cincinnati tribes are already making arrangements to entertain the great council of Ohio, which meets next May.

Winnetka council of Lynn, Alfarotta council of Chelsea, Mayasotta council of Everett and Yumassawanna council of Malden, all of Massachusetts, are planning for interchange of work in the councils.

The degree of Pocahontas has a membership of 2,430 in Indiana.

Almost unlimited authority was given to the great inclosures to expend wampum under the approval of the committee on finance for the propagation of the order.

Knights of St. John and Malta.

Major General McKean has announced the appointment of Sir Frank M. Rooney as adjutant general, military department.

Four new encampments are among the possibilities in New York.

Sir Charles Hayward of Wilmington is now entitled to the title of grand prior of Delaware.

Sir Arthur F. Lamson of Brooklyn, by his earnestness in militia work, has earned his present title of grand prior of New York.

Chosen Friends.

There are more than 40,000 members of the order.

The order has expended \$5,000,000 in death benefits, \$500,000 in disability claims and paid \$5,000 to two members on reaching their seventy-fifth year and is expending about \$1,000,000 annually in relief.

St. Louis councils have a membership of 2,500.

American Legion of Honor.

For the month ending Oct. 8 \$140,500 was paid in death benefits and \$24,000 in relief benefits.

The November assessment called for payment of \$199,500 to beneficiaries of 71 deceased members. Five of these deaths occurred in Massachusetts.

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Dress Goods.

We thoroughly enjoy the surprise of our customers at the prices which are moving out our stock of Fall Dress fabrics. We advertised them a few days ago, but it has been too successful for us and to beneficial for the public to stop with one announcement.

We ask you to read these prices again: 17½c for double width wool Novelties and Henriettas. Regular price 35 and 40c.

35c for a great variety of all wool Dress Goods, comprising the latest novelties in fancy Suitings. Reduced from 60 and 65c.

39c for all wool Henriettas, 40 inch wide, in both black and beautiful fall shades. Regular 65c quality.

59c for the finest German all wool silk finish Henriettas in black and elegant fall shades. Sold at 87½c.

68c for Finest Imported all wool Serges, in black and colors, 46 inches wide. Regularly \$1.

Stamped Linens.

We have just received a magnificent variety of stamped linens, comprising Dresser Scarfs, Splashers, Tidies, Pillow Shams, Center Pieces, Doylies, Cushion Covers and Tinted Table Covers.

Art Goods.

We invite attention to this complete line of Plush balls, fringes and tassels, frosted ice, bangles, fancy scrims and draperies, silk throws, wash twist, filo silk, rope silks, knitting silks, cushion forms, etc., etc.

Cotton Batts.

If you are making comforters, notice this offer: Ten bales of cotton batts, nice, clean and plump, 10c a Roll. Regular value 15c.

Floor Oil Cloth.

We have a fine line of Oil Cloths in all widths; also Linoleums and Oil Cloth Stove Mats.

Ladies' Skirts.

This week we will sell \$1.25 quality skirts at 88c. \$1.50 quality skirts at \$1.00. We also have a large line of better grades just as cheap.

Tennis Flannels.